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EDITORIALS

MAKE UP A TEAM

This is N ational Newspaper Week.

And whenever National Newspaper Week comes around,we recall a conversation we once had with a very able and successful editor. We were showing him our paper, and pointing out its weaknesses as compared to a complete journal he edited. His counsel was that a newspaper was a mirror of the community in which it was published. He said: I do not need to visit your town to appraise it. The merit of its institutions and enterprises is revealed in its newspaper. If it has outstanding, average or merely marginal churches, schools, organizations, government, industry and merchants, it is all mirrored in the community paper. A paper can be no larger and no better than the town and community that supports it. Over a period of years, we have never had occasion to disallow such an appraisal. A newspaper is a mirrowed picture of a town and community. A town and its newspaper make a team, working with such material as they have to depict their segment of America.

TWO YOUNG SOUTHERNERS

There are two young men in the South who will loom large in its political life for many, many years. One is Herman Talmadge, the recent victor in Georgi, a contest for governor. He is in his early thirties. The other is Russell Long, 29 year old son of the late "Kingfish" who has won a seat in the United States Senate from Louisianna. These young men are now subjects of partisan conflict, but to have achieved such success at such early ages clearly indicates the likelihood of long careers.

SHOULD ANNOUNCE

If a private citizen wishes to keep his own counsel as to his voting, that't his own business. The secret ballot is still a great American privilege.

We are not quite willing to grant that privilege to those who pose as great political leaders. The people are entitled to know how they stand. If their stand does not agree with our own, we, at least, admire their courage of conviction, and likely as not will continue to give them personal support. But dodgers and evaders do not appeal favorably to Mr. Average Voter as suitable for continuance in favor. We feel that the major elected political officials of our State should stand up and be counted. Some of them have thus far maintained a mysterious silence as regards a certain pending balloting. 'Tis better to be on the solid ground of one side c the fence than to be perched on an icy rail, swaying in the breeze.

WITH OTHER EDTORS

WHAT IS AN EDITORIAL?

By James S. Polk, Editor

Louisville Courier-Journal

The newspaper editorial is a true component of our way of life. Seldom encountered elsewhere, it justly can be labeled "Made in U. S. A." It is peculiarly an utterance of the American tongue — an expression of the American creed.

Like the Bill of Rights of the Emancipation Proclamation, or the ballot box, it sometimes is too basic too familiar. Along with other pillars that hold us up it becomes lost to sight and mind; it is not fully used but taken for granted, handy for reference and support if needed.

The editor's obligation is to write fair, honest, informative and stimulating editorials. But newspaper readers have an obligation too, as participating American citizens. They must read them.

In papers this is a pleasure, in others a bore. The editorial is the most variegated (and should be among the most appealing) of our national products. It has no prescribed package, but appears in many shapes and colors and tones. Here are a few recent samples:

"In all the current talk about a resumption of 4-power negotiations pointing toward a common Allied peace treaty with Germany, relatively little attention has been paid to the attitude of the Germans themselves...."

"It should be taken with a grain of salt. We refer to the report from the public reader administration that Oregon has ranked second in highway speeds during 1948...."

"From Dallas comes sad news about sad guns. Bachelors, they yearn for feminine companionship."

"Red veins creep slowly along the stems of the maple leaves. The season comes easier, are less savage in returning to combat. A little arrow of coolness wings now and then through the ovens of August. Autumn is rubbing its eyes, flexing its muscles, ready to make and exterminate summer...."

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong ... Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus...."

"A dreary and mocking ritual is repeated in the United States Senate...."

Here, then, is a small segment of the restless daily range of the editorial pen — the tiresome processes of diplomacy, the dragons of traffic, nature in action, childhood mythology, election-year politics. The pen is ponderous, pungent, whimsical, poetic, arch or sardonic, serious or suave, infinitely versatile.

It is the voice of America, never still, seldom consistent. This chorus has some 1,850 daily and 10,000 weekly performers. Each expresses the yearnings, the prejudices, the fears, the hopes of one man -or, preferably, one community.

Time was, most will agree, when the community voice commanded more attention and respect, more acceptance, than it does today. Critics say editors have grown timid, lost leadership, become wary of big advertising interests. Many editors blame their loss of audience and prestige on clamorous competing voices—the newspaper columnist, the radio commentator.

The columnist, free of editorial pressures and responsibilities, can cavort through the stream of events like a dolphin, spraying up rainbows. He can write with untrammeled gusto, summoning readers like a circus barker, promising sensations, hinting national catastrophe. He can break an official head one day, gild the lily the ne t. Few readers remember or hold him to account.

The radio spieler, his baritone trained to extol Zilch's Soapsies in irresistible, has a crucial advantage. He ingratiates himself into the human brain through the most vulnerable of organs. Ideas planted through the ear do not require to be fertilized with thought.

It is true that editorial pages have seductive competitors. But an intelligent and imaginative editor still can hold his own. You, the reader, can compel him to do a better job, and it is important to you that he does. Editorial guidance still is essential to a healthy, informed development of the national mind—perhaps more essential than ever.

And quite apart from what it says in all its moods, the editorial has another significance, fully as important.

The editorial page is your guarantee that there are other pages, different in character. It is the symbol of the democratic dream.

The opinionated editorial tells you there are news columns, which by tradition should be free of opinion —fair and informative, giving you the same facts the editor used to form his opinions.

The editor's views, clearly identified as such, should be your assurance against having to watch for editorial views hiddein in news stories.

A newspaper which colors and distorts its news stultifies and nullifies its editorial page and its news columns as well. It is the reader's responsibility to hold editors to this distinction, to help keep a free press free.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 11:27—25:11; DEVOTIONAL READING: Hebrews 11: 1-10.

God's View of People

Lesson for October 10, 1948

"YOU can learn more about human nature from reading the Bible than from living in New York," said a Yale professor who had tried it both ways. He was right; for in New York you are likely to see your neighbors only on the outside, while in the Bible you are introduced to people on the inside.

Dr. Foreman

One great value of the Bible is its plain stories about people, all sorts of people—simple, great, wise, foolish, saints and sinners. They lived thousands of miles from here, and thousands of years ago. They dressed differently and many of them spoke in languages now dead. Yet somehow they live in these inspired stories.

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Saints

ONE of the great biographies of the Bible is that of Abraham. If you will read it in Genesis you will see it is not like one of our modern biographies; it does not follow a continuous line, but consists of short incidents strung together sometimes without connection.

It is more like an album of pictures than like a movie. Yet putting all the pictures together we get an impression of a remarkable man.

Indeed, Abraham was one of the most remarkable men who ever lived. Without a church, without a Bible, without prophet or priest or tradition, born in a nation and a family that "worshiped other gods," as Joshua said later, somehow Abraham came to know that there is but one God, and not only to know that as a fact but to know that God as a friend. (In fact, Abraham's is among the Arabs to this day is "The Friend.") We must call Abraham one of the great religious geniuses of all human history.

Yet he does not stand alone. The Bible is a book of saints; the letter to the Hebrews calls the roll of some, and ends by saying time is too short to name them all.

Now a saint is not a person who lives totally without sin. A saint is one in whose life goodness is stronger than evil; a saint is one who actually lives as a friend of God, for whom God is the central fact in all his life.

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Sinners

THESE are no whitewashed plaster saints, the great and small figures of the Bible stories. They come before us just as they were. Abraham, for example, at times was a coward, a liar, a bigamist, a slave-holder.

We must not suppose that everything any character in the Bible did was right, or is right today. The writers simply tell the stories, seldom using adjectives like "bad" or "good" or "noble" or "mean." We are left to make our own judgments.

We are shown what ett effects sin has on men, we see how evil spreads by suggestion and imitation, we see how temptation works. God inspired the biographers; but he does not inspire men to tell lies or to cover up evil by calling it good. So do not be shocked to find that even a saint like Abraham had feet of clay. The important things about him are the good, not the bad.

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The Light That Shines

FURTHERMORE, when you read these Bible biographies, you can trace a very interesting story through them all: namely the story of the human understanding of Right and Wrong.

But in Old Testament times, as in the case of Abraham, we must remember they were in the dawn-years before the sunlight of Christ had risen. Some of the things Abraham did would get him into jail nowadays; but some of those very acts were then the mark of a gentleman.

Sometime when you are discouraged and think the world is growing worse, all you need to do is to think back to some of these old Bible stories. What the very best people did then, is now by Christians seen to be not always good.

The human race has progressed, and nowhere more than in its knowledge of what is right to do. And even so, a man like Abraham, as good and great as he was, shines with an even brighter light across the centuries, challenging us to rise above our times as he often rose above his own.

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FARM INCOME

From Winchester Star

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics has released some interesting figures showing the income received by farmers in the various states for agricultural products. According to this report the small state of Iowa, population 2,600,000, is the most important farm state in the nation, based on total farm income. The farmers of Iowa last year received a total of $2,400,000,000 for their products. Second was California with $2,300,000,000 and third was Texas with a $2,000,000,000 farm income. The next seven top ranking states are:

Illinois	$1,900,000,000
Minnesota	$1,350,000,000
Kansas	$1,250,000,000
Nebraska	$1,100,000,000
Missouri	$1,095,000,000
Indiana	$1,075,000,000
Wisconsin	$1,050,000,000

States whose citizens receive the smallest amount of income from farming pursuits are Rhode Island, Nevada, New Hampshire and Delaware, the total for each being less than $100,000,000.

Virginia's total is $417,000,000.

SCENTED A BIRD

From Capper's Weekly

When John Long of Fort Worth, took his hunting dog last fall to show him off to several strangers, to his amazement the dog pointed at one of them.

"He's smarter than you think," said the man, "my name is Partridge."

There were 4,500 American newspapers by 1870.

Henry J. Raymond, founder of the New York Times, wrote the first Republican platform.

Subscription rate: $1.50 a year.

The Herald was the first newspaper in New ,rk to give detailed descriptions of the gowns worn by women at social affairs.

The invention of the telegraph made possible the publishing of national and internationai news.

The historian Rhodes declared that no single man in his time influenced so many people as Horace Greeley, editor of the New York Tribune.

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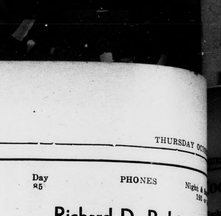

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...nd daughter accompanied her mother to Farmville on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson and daughter called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson awhile late Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dickerson made a business trip to Farmville Friday.

Miss Annie C. Martin spent the week-end at her home here.

Miss Annie C. Martin was visiting Misses Etta and Odelle Ranson Sunday.

Quite a number from Rocks attended the funeral of Preston Ferguson at Pamplin Saturday afternoon.

Donald Roach and Daniel Hamilton left for Chilhowie Friday,where they will spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children went to Appomattox late Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and children called to see Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hardy awhile Sunday.

Mrs. D. R. Inge were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette on Sunday.

Friends are sorry to hear that Mrs. Jim Clark continues ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Larkin Harvey.

The B. T. U. Group Rally will be held this Friday night at the Evergreen Baptist Church.

The quarterly business meeting of the church will be held Saturday afternoon before the 3rd Sunday in this month. All members are asked to come out.

Manuscript of Old Bible Discovered in Palestine

NEW HAVEN, CONN.—The discovery in Palestine of the earliest known manuscript of the Old Testament book of Isaiah was announced by Yale university.

Preserved for centuries in a monastery in the Holy Land, the manuscript recently was identified by scholars at the American School of Oriental Research at Jerusalem, the university said.

Prof. Millar Burrows of Yale is director of the school, one of two maintained in the Near East by leading American universities.

The manuscript was found in a well-preserved scroll of parchment dating back to about the first century B. C. The university said the earliest among other known complete texts of Isaiah were transcribed in about the ninth century A. D.

The manuscript came from the library of the Syrian Orthodox monastery of St. Mark in Jerusalem.

Boston Braves and Cleveland Indians tangle in world series.

Dulles reports to Dewey that relations with Russia are now at most critical point.

American Newspaper Celebrates Second Anniversary in Siam

BANGKOK, SIAM. — The only American newspaper between Rome and Manila celebrated its second birthday anniversary in Siam.

The paper is the Bangkok Post and it's the handiwork of Alexander MacDonald, New Englander who has been poking around the corners of the world for 15 of his 40 years.

The Yankee editor came to Bangkok as a cloak-and-dagger agent of the wartime Office of Strategic Services. He fell in love with the country. Now he is the best-known and most influential foreigner since Anna Leonowens, the English school teacher immortalized by "Anna and the King of Siam."

"Editing a paper back home was never like this," MacDonald says.

Yellow-robed Buddhist priests had to bless the presses and editorial offices before the Post was recognized as a full-fledged newspaper.

Every word in the eight-page daily is set by hand by printers who don't know English. Type-setting machines are unknown.

There's a constant fight to maintain the American standard of setting both sides of the story impartially. Governments change fast in turbulent Siam, but MacDonald finally has made his point against censorship. When ordered to strike something out of the paper, he just leaves the space blank. The Post has come out with a leading headline and the main column just white newsprint. Now he isn't bothered.

California Gives Salmon A Lift Over Dry Stretch

SAN FRANCISCO.—California is doing things for fish. Five tank trucks are being assigned to ferry salmon overland during the spawning season along a 30-mile stretch of the San Joaquin river, which has developed salmon-proof sandbars in a drouth.

Steelhead trout in the Monterey area have acquired new spawning grounds up the Big Sur river because game wardens blasted out a big rock which has blocked spawning runs since before palsfaces settled in these parts. Rainbow trout minnows now are brought from the icy waters of the Mount Shasta uplands and raised to six-inch size in the warm water of a valley hatchery. This shortens the growing time and make it possible to plant them earlier in game waters where they will grow up to be big fish and—that's right—get hooked.

Czech Reds plan ban on all opposition.

Peru's president outlaws party involved in revolt.

Australia's livestock exceeds humans, 16 to 1.

Renew your subscription.

Manufacturers Protest Against Court Ruling

WASHINGTON. — Long hollers over the supreme court's price ruling are coming from steel users and building material dealers.

Congressional mail is increasingly filled with protests from small town manufacturers. They want to know, bitterly, if congress is going to let the supreme court put them out of business.

The supreme court decided in the "cement case" that uniform prices could not be used to maintain a combine among cement producers. And the steel industry, reading the ruling, shifted away from its traditional policy of maintaining uniform prices among themselves.

But it's their customers, who had based their businesses on the previous uniform-price policies, who are hollering now.

A Muskegon, Mich., building materials dealer puts a typical problem frankly. He buys cement from a concern at Detroit, 170 miles away. His competitor buys from a cement concern near Muskegon. A third dealer buys from a concern near Petoskey, which is not far away.

Prices Were Uniform.

Always before the cement companies had supplied the three dealers at a uniform price. But now the dealer buying from Detroit has to pay 52 cents a barrel more; the dealer buying at Petoskey has to pay six cents more, and the dealer buying from the local source pays only one cent more.

The Muskegon customer of the Detroit supplier says he'll be out of business pretty soon, unless he can shift to the local supplier, who already can sell his entire product and isn't looking for new customers.

The building materials dealer can't move. He's there to serve the local trade. That's one type of protest which is coming in to congress by the hundreds.

The other protest is from the steel fabricator who located his plant near his market, or where he found labor, or where he could utilize an existing plant. Because he could buy steel at a uniform price, his distance from the steel supplier didn't matter then.

An Emergency.

But now a spring-making company in Adrian, Mich., a seat-making company in Ionia, a company making casters in Grand Rapids and dozens of enterprises like them face an emergency.

How can they pay the cost of bringing in steel and still compete with that spring-making company at Pittsburgh that seat-building concern at Youngstown or the caster manufacturer at Gary?

"Many Michigan plants, among which we may be included, will be compelled to move to some steel producing center where excess steel capacity is available in order to eliminate excess transportation costs," one of these men wrote Senator Ferguson.

Similar protests are coming to Senator Capehart from Indiana, Senator Brooks from Illinois, Senator Donnell from Missouri and others.

These manufacturers, some of them, can move. And of course if they do there will be unemployment in the cities they leave and a scramble for labor in the cities they enter.

It's a serious problem.

Chamber of Commerce Officer Has Wide Variety in His Job

CHADRON, NEB.—You do not have to be a jack-of-all-trades to be chamber of commerce secretary, but it helps.

Chester A. Allen, secretary of the Chadron chamber, submitted a report of his day-to-day activities. They included:

Putting up flags and banners to welcome various groups to the city.

Selling tickets to local events, including the Hereford breeders' banquet and the Chadron rodeo.

Welcoming youthful campers to the state park.

Making a house-to-house canvass to arrange rooms for college students.

Delivering toys at Christmas to 22 needy children.

Auto for Disabled Vets Has All Good Features Except One

SAN FRANCISCO. — An automobile designed by Edward T. Adkins, former navy chief petty officer, for handicapped war veterans made a successful shakedown trip except for one thing.

The airplane-type stick for steering worked. The push button controls on O. K. It ran by gasoline motor or electric power.

Among the added features were an electric torch and drill, movie camera, radio, magazine rack, automatic fire-fighting equipment, and an ice cream making machine.

But the Palo Alto man hit a snare when he tried to cross the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge.

Police said he had to have license plates.

"The one thing I forgot," said Adkins.

Richwood

Richwood, Oct. 6.— Divine services will be held at Wesley Chapel Church Sunday at 3 P. M., with special hymnal singing, led by Mrs. Carter Martin, choir singer, together with other accomplished singers. Mr. Purvis Martin, church leader, will bring the pianist with him and has not announced the name of the minister who will preach the sermon. It is expected that in the very near future the Reverends Floyd M. Lucas, W. Twyman Williams and J. Marshall Walker will volunteer their services and alternate in delivering the sermon : the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 3:00 P. M.

Mrs. Clara Law, of Washington, D. C., was the guest for the past week of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Watt.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Snow and children were visiting with friends in Roanoke Friday.

Miss Vivian Wooldridge and Mrs. John Lawson Wooldridge were the guests of Mrs. D. A. Pugh Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cordell and son, James were the Sunday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Cordell.

Carter Martin and Duvall Guill were officially supposed to be in Richmond Tuesday to view the sights of the Rural Atlantic Exposition, but on their return, after a day of rain, at 8:30 P. M., they refused to tell your reporter of anything unusual they had seen!

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Watt were in Lynchburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Moore and children were Sunday guests of Mrs. John Moore, Mr. Moore's mother.

James Fleshman, Jack Wilbun, and Charlie Scott Rush were in Lynchburg on business Saturday.

Numerous persons of the area, who have attended the several fairs held at Farmville, Lynchburg and Richmond, have commented on the unusual tomato on display at the Richwood Store and Service Station and have expressed their regret at not being given the opportunity of displaying it at one of these fairs. The owner refuses to release the tomato and promises only that those interested may have some of the slips from the seed next spring.

Reports say that hemlines are lowered behind the Iron Curtain.

Truman summons Marshall back from Paris to report on critical relations with Russia.

Report that Russia now has total of 4,500 planes in Germany.

John L. Lewis urges the defeat of Truman in November election.

Heavy damage as new hurricane hits Southern Florida.

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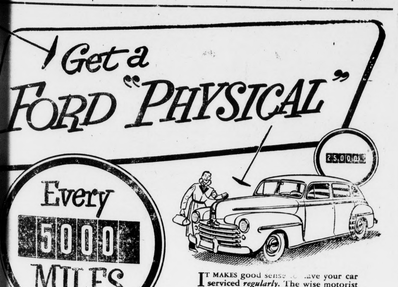

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